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# WITHDRAWAL SHEET

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Sept. 1, 1981

W. R. Rafter

Dear Mr. President,

You were very kind to give me an Oval Office send-off in the midst of your busy day and I'm still beaming from the meeting.

Also, thank you so much for the airload of presidential goodies, including a decanter of jelly beans and presidential pins. Mike Evans sent me plenty of pictures and now one hangs in Curtis-related homes from North Carolina to California.

I can't tell you how much I enjoyed covering your primary and general election campaigns and finally spending a little

time at the White House.

Our one-on-one meeting in the Oval Office reminded me how pleasant and enlightening normal personal contact is between reporters and office holders, but unfortunately the growth of the press corps has made those kinds of encounters too difficult.

Best of luck during the next four years and thank you again for your kindness.

Sincerely,  
Diane Curtis

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John Davis Lodge

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Dear Mr President — & friend —  
I was honored & thrilled beyond  
words to receive the wonderful  
colored picture of you taken at  
the beautiful State Dinner for  
Chancellor Schmidt, which Mrs  
Brandon kindly sent me —

It was such an added  
privilege for me to be taken with  
you — I deeply appreciate your  
friendly message & signature  
on the picture which I shall  
treasure for ever —

Thank you with all my heart —

I was so proud to be at your table that evening - It was all an unforgettable event.

We follow yours + our Beloved First lady's exhausting schedule with interest + endless admiration -

With heart felt thanks,  
Respectfully yours,

Ran/essa



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THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

September 9, 1981

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Drew Lewis  
Secretary of Transportation

SUBJECT: Multi-Piece Tire Rims: "60 Minutes"  
Broadcast of September 6, 1981

SUMMARY:

There is no basis to institute a rulemaking or any government means to correct the safety problem posed by multi-piece heavy duty rims. Moreover, because the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) statutory authority is limited to eight years, NHTSA is unable to recall or prohibit the use of the vast majority of rims on the road, most of which have been out of production since 1973.

There are currently more than 86 million multi-piece heavy duty tire rims of all types now in use. The economic cost of banning such rims would range from \$600 million to \$1.3 billion. Based on an investigation in 1978, NHTSA concluded that the number of verified accidents (549), fatalities (89) and injuries (368) was extremely small in relation to the number of wheels in service. I believe there is no practical government solution to this problem.

BACKGROUND:

Two particular multi-piece rims designs, the "RH5<sup>0</sup>" and the "K" types, have developed disproportionately high accident rates. Neither type has been manufactured since 1973, although approximately 3.3 million may still be on the road.

NHTSA has reviewed the question of these rims twice. In 1972-73 the agency conducted an engineering analysis that identified the problem but concluded that it was limited to the two above mentioned types of rims. No action was taken since the manufacturers decided to halt production of these types of rims.

NHTSA began a second investigation in 1978 and concluded that the total number of verified accidents was small in relation to the number of wheels in service and vehicle miles travelled.

In 1979 NHTSA issued an "Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" raising the question of whether it should prohibit the further introduction of all multi-piece rims.

There was little public interest and on April 6, 1981 NHTSA routinely announced that no rule would be proposed. This appears to be the basis for the inaccurate Mike Wallace comment that "the Reagan administration has announced plans to drop a proposed rule that would ban all future production of multipiece wheel rims."

NHTSA had also found, however, that more than 80 percent of all multi-piece rim accidents had occurred in professional tire service shops. At NHTSA's request, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) promulgated a regulation in April, 1980, governing tire service establishments. It now requires that all service personnel be trained on correct procedures, and use a "tire cage" when inflating tires. No mention of this was made on "60 Minutes."

The program also failed to note that the physical forces involved in heavy duty truck tires are significant. They require use of large tires and proportionate inflation pressures, and there is no completely safe technology available. For example, the accident rate of even the single piece rim is 50 percent that of the multi-piece rim. Moreover, the role of the person handling the tire is critical. Virtually all accidents have occurred because rim components were mismatched in the first place, faultily assembled or carelessly handled.

Finally, when the "60 Minutes" piece was first aired on February 2, 1981, NHTSA expected and was prepared for significant public response. Only three inquiries were received at that time. No further inquiries have been received as a result of Sunday's repeat broadcast.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 11, 1981

MR. PRESIDENT:

In response to your inquiry about the multi-piece tire rims story which aired on "60 Minutes" last Sunday, attached is Drew Lewis's reply.



Richard G. Darman

THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

September 9, 1981

NOTE TO CRAIG FULLER

FROM: DREW LEWIS *Drew Lewis*

Attached is a reply to the President's inquiry on Monday regarding this segment of 60 Minutes which he saw Sunday evening. I have also provided copies for Mike Deaver, Jim Baker and Ed Meese.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

CABINET ADMINISTRATION STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/10/81 NUMBER: 018812CA DUE BY: --

SUBJECT: Multi-Piece Tire Rims

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Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deaver	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Remarks:

The attached has been submitted by Secretary Lewis in response to the question raised by the President on Multi-Piece Tire Rims.

RETURN TO: Craig L. Fuller  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
Director,  
Office of Cabinet Administration  
456-2823



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 10, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR DICK DARMAN

FROM: ALLEN LOCKE *AL*  
SUBJECT: Yorktown Bicentennial Proclamation

Attached is the Yorktown Bicentennial Proclamation to be signed by the President on Monday, September 14. It has been reviewed by the speechwriters and approved by Ed Gray, Elizabeth Dole, Fred Fielding, Max Friedersdorf, Lyn Nofziger and Rich Williamson.

It has also been approved by OMB.

*9/14/81: Proc signed & Del in Ceremony  
9/11/81: Approved by President  
9/14/81: To Archives  
Serialized*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 11, 1981

MR. PRESIDENT:

This is a copy of a proclamation which has been approved by appropriate parties, and which is scheduled to be signed by you publicly on Monday. I attached it for your advance information.

If you have any problem with the text, we can change the version which you are to sign.

*Rich*

Richard G. Darman

*Rich* would it be appropriate to have a line at the bottom of p. 1 to explain our strong friend-ship with England? For example - "We can do this at the same time and give thanks for the great bond of friendship which exists between ourselves and Britain."

*R.G.D.*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary

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For Immediate Release

September 14, 1981

YORKTOWN BICENTENNIAL

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

On October 19, 1781, the British forces under Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia, to General Washington and our French allies. That surrender signified the practical end of the struggle by our forefathers for liberty and independence. The impossible dream of those patriots was about to be transformed into the reality of a bright new Nation.

As the King's troops came slowly down the road to the surrender field, legend has it that they struck up the tune, "The World Turned Upside Down." And, indeed, the old order was to be turned upside down, for the creative powers of democracy were about to be released on an unsuspecting world.

This year marks the two hundredth anniversary of the surrender. October 19, 1781, was a major date in the development of America and her freedoms; and today, two centuries later, it remains an important reminder of our identity as a nation. The anniversary is also an appropriate time to recall the assistance France gave to America's revolutionary struggle. We, as Americans, are the product of many victories, many sacrifices, and many hopes. The campaign at Yorktown is a historic example.

September 17, 1981

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Dear Margherite:

While my condolences have been conveyed to you, I did want to personally express my heartfelt sympathy to you and your family on Justice McComb's passing.

Marshall McComb's integrity and dedication to promoting justice will long stand as distinguished examples for many to follow. I hope you find some measure of comfort in knowing of my respect and appreciation for Marshall's accomplishment.

Nancy and I add our prayers to the many being offered for you and your daughters at this sad time.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marshall Francis McComb  
215 South Occidental Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California 90059

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(Justice McComb, son of Pres. Reagan  
as President of U.S. (1967).

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COLO.

LOS ANGELES (UPI) -- MARSHALL MCCOMB, THE JUDGE WHO SWORE IN RONALD REAGAN AS CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR BUT LATER WAS FORCED TO STEP DOWN FROM THE STATE SUPREME COURT AMID ALLEGATIONS OF SENILITY, HAS DIED AT 87, HIS FAMILY SAID SUNDAY.

MCCOMB, WHO ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO REAGAN WHEN HE WAS SWORN IN FOR HIS FIRST TERM AS GOVERNOR IN 1967, SERVED HALF A CENTURY IN THE STATE JUDICIARY BEFORE HIS FORCED RETIREMENT IN 1977.

MCCOMB WAS NAMED TO THE SUPREME COURT IN 1956 BY REPUBLICAN GOV. GOODWIN KNIGHT. ONE OF HIS ACHIEVEMENTS WAS DEVELOPMENT OF THE MASTER CALENDAR SYSTEM THAT ENABLED CALIFORNIA COURTS TO HANDLE UNPRECEDENTED AMOUNT OF LITIGATION.

DURING THE 1970S MCCOMB WAS OFTEN IN DISSENT WITH THE REST HIS COLLEAGUES ON THE HIGH COURT. AMONG THE DECISIONS HE DISAGREED WITH WERE THOSE STRIKING DOWN CALIFORNIA'S LOYALTY OATH AND OLD DEATH PENALTY LAW, AND A RULING UPHOLDING THE RIGHT OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES TO BE POLITICALLY ACTIVE.

MCCOMB WAS FOUND IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND WAS SUSPENDED FROM HIS SEAT ON THE SUPREME COURT IN 1977 AFTER HE FAILED TO RESPOND TO INQUIRIES BY THE STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS INTO ALLEGATIONS THAT HE WAS SENILE.

A SHORT TIME LATER HIS WIFE, MARGHERITE, TOOK OVER LEGAL CUSTODY OF HIS AFFAIRS.

A FAMILY SPOKESMAN SAID MCCOMB, WHO WAS IN FAILING HEALTH IN RECENT YEARS, DIED "PEACEFULLY" SATURDAY. OTHER DETAILS OF HIS DEATH WERE NOT DISCLOSED. SERVICES WERE PENDING.

MCCOMB, BORN IN DENVER, GRADUATED FROM STANFORD UNIVERSITY IN 1917, OBTAINED A LAW DEGREE FROM YALE IN 1919 AND SERVED IN THE NAVY AS AN ENSIGN DURING WORLD WAR I.

HE WAS A PRIVATE ATTORNEY BEFORE GAINING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT BENCH IN 1927. HE WAS NAMED TO THE STATE APPEALS COURT 10 YEARS LATER.

BESIDES HIS WIFE, MCCOMB IS SURVIVED BY THREE DAUGHTERS, MARTHA MILLIN OF LOS ANGELES, KATHLEEN CUNNINGHAM OF PASADENA, CALIF., AND CAROLYN VAN HORN OF MALIBU, CALIF.

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*I should send  
a message to  
his wife etc.  
RR*

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9/20/81

10/20/81



# HYDE PARK HOTEL

Knightsbridge

London SW1Y 7LA Telephone: 01-235 2000  
Cables: Highcaste London Telex: 262057

No reply  
RR

September 20, 1981

- En route to Jerusalem  
to keep a date we had  
together

Dear President and Mrs. Reagan:

There are no words to express my appreciation for your sympathy and your beautiful, inspired tribute. He cherished your recent letter to him more than you can imagine, Mr. President.

It was obvious that our hearts were all broken together - there will never be anyone like Lowell again. It was a great Love Affair we had with him - you, me - and the world.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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INFORMATION

September 19, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*

SUBJECT: Memorandum from Al Haig on a Letter to Brezhnev and his Forthcoming Meetings with Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko

Attached are two memoranda from Al Haig on two communications with the Soviets next week: a letter from you to President Brezhnev, and Al's meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko. (S)

The NSC staff cooperated with the State Department in drafting your letter to Brezhnev and it will help us put some of the public onus back on the Soviets, where it belongs. We will work with State to determine how best to publicize the themes of this letter both to other governments and to the public; the letter itself would be delivered by our embassy in Moscow. (S)

Al's approach to Gromyko is sound. He will let Gromyko know that the rules of US-Soviet relations have shifted, and that the United States will not acquiesce in Soviet attempts to increase their power at our expense. (S)

cc: Meese  
Baker  
Deaver  
The Vice President

Tab A Memo and Letter re Brezhnev  
Tab B Memo re meeting with Gromyko

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Review on September 18, 1987

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NLS F98-010 #12

BY *clm* NARA, DATE *6/27/00*

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

September 18, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Alexander M. Haig, Jr. 

SUBJECT: Letter to Brezhnev

As you know, we have now embarked on a public campaign within the Alliance to take the political offensive away from the Soviets. The purpose is to demonstrate to Western publics that it is the Soviets, not the United States, who are blocking the path to a more stable East-West relationship, and that for our part we are ready for better relations if Moscow is ready to show greater restraint.

To get this campaign off the ground, I believe that you should send a letter to Brezhnev timed with the start of the fall session of the U.N. General Assembly describing your views on the future direction of US-Soviet relations. Although we would not release the text of the letter, we envisage briefing the press on its main themes in order to create the maximum possible impact on Western opinion.

The proposed letter (attached) makes some of the same points that I plan to use with Gromyko in my talks next week. The basic message is that the U.S. is prepared to defend its interests by whatever means necessary, but that a more constructive relationship is possible if the Soviets exercise restraint.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached letter to Brezhnev.

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NLS F98-01D # 13  
BY dlb NARA, DATE 6/27/00



DEAR PRESIDENT BREZHNEV:

AS WE BEGIN THE FALL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND APPROACH THE MEETINGS BETWEEN OUR FOREIGN MINISTERS, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ME TO DESCRIBE TO YOU SOME OF MY THOUGHTS ON THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS.

LET ME SAY AT THE OUTSET THAT THE UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY INTERESTED IN THE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS AND IN A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE AND STABLE RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR COUNTRY. WE HAVE REPEATEDLY DEMONSTRATED OUR WILLINGNESS TO SETTLE DISAGREEMENTS BY NEGOTIATIONS AND TO OBSERVE SCRUPULOUSLY OUR INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS.

I BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT A GREAT DEAL OF THE PRESENT TENSION IN THE WORLD IS DUE TO ACTIONS BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. AS WE AND OUR ALLIES HAVE FREQUENTLY STATED, TWO ASPECTS OF SOVIET BEHAVIOR ARE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO US:

-- FIRST, THE SOVIET UNION'S PURSUIT OF UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE GLOBE AND ITS REPEATED RESORT TO THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT USE OF FORCE IN REGIONAL CONFLICTS. THE ROLE OF CUBA IN AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA IS PARTICULARLY DISTURBING AND UNACCEPTABLE TO US.

-- SECOND, THE USSR'S UNREMITTING AND COMPREHENSIVE MILITARY BUILDUP OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS, A BUILDUP WHICH IN OUR VIEW FAR EXCEEDS PURELY DEFENSIVE REQUIREMENTS AND CARRIES DISTURBING IMPLICATIONS OF A SEARCH FOR MILITARY SUPERIORITY.

DESPITE THESE TRENDS, WE ARE COMMITTED TO A DIALOGUE WITH THE SOVIET UNION. WE ARE GRAVELY CONCERNED OVER THE THREAT TO MANKIND IN THE AGE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. I HAVE STATED PUBLICLY THAT THE UNITED STATES IS READY TO ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE USSR THAT WOULD LEAD TO GENUINE ARMS REDUCTIONS. THE EXISTING STOCKPILES OF THESE WEAPONS AND ONGOING PROGRAMS ARE SUCH THAT ONLY A SERIOUS EFFORT AT ARMS REDUCTIONS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE OBJECTIVE WHICH WE BOTH SHARE, NAMELY, LIFTING THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR ANNIHILATION WHICH HANGS OVER MANKIND.

WHILE THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITTED TO A STABLE AND PEACEFUL WORLD, IT WILL NEVER ACCEPT A POSITION OF STRATEGIC DISADVANTAGE. BECAUSE THE SOVIET UNION HAS, OVER THE PAST YEARS, EMBARKED ON A MAJOR PROGRAM TO IMPROVE ITS STRATEGIC FORCES, THE UNITED STATES MUST ALSO UPGRADE ITS FORCES. WE HAVE NO DESIRE TO TAX OUR SOCIETY WITH A COSTLY AND BURDENSOME BUILD-UP OF ARMAMENTS. THE UNITED STATES, HOWEVER, WILL INVEST WHATEVER IS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN A SECURE STRATEGIC POSTURE.



THE MEETINGS THIS MONTH BETWEEN OUR FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL, I ASSUME, SET THE TIME AND PLACE FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ON WHAT WE TERM "THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES." WE ARE DEEPLY COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING A MILITARY BALANCE IN THIS FIELD -- A BALANCE WHICH HAS BEEN UPSET BY THE UNPRECEDENTED BUILDUP OF MILITARY FORCES BY YOUR COUNTRY IN RECENT YEARS, ESPECIALLY THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE SS-20 MISSILES. FURTHERMORE, AS WE HAVE STATED AT THE MADRID MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, WE ARE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS TO FASHION A COHERENT SYSTEM OF COMMITMENTS ON EUROPEAN SECURITY THAT ARE VERIFIABLE AND MILITARILY SIGNIFICANT.

WITH OUR ALLIES AND OTHER CONCERNED NATIONS, THE UNITED STATES IS WILLING TO PURSUE NEGOTIATED SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS THAT THREATEN WORLD PEACE, INCLUDING THE PRESENCE OF OCCUPATION FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN AND KAMPUCHEA. SOVIET READINESS TO RESOLVE THE AFGHANISTAN PROBLEM ON THE BASIS OF A PROMPT WITHDRAWAL WOULD GO FAR TOWARD RESTORING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENCE AND THRUST NECESSARY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS. THE VIETNAMESE INVASION AND OCCUPATION OF KAMPUCHEA HAS EARNED WIDESPREAD CONDEMNATION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A BREACH OF ACCEPTED NORMS OF CONDUCT AND A THREAT TO PEACE. I CALL ON YOUR GOVERNMENT TO EXERT ITS INFLUENCE OVER THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM TO WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM KAMPUCHEA.

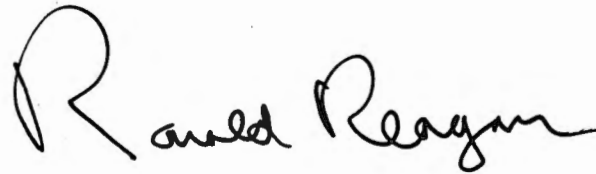
IN SUM, THE UNITED STATES IS MORE INTERESTED IN ACTIONS WHICH FURTHER THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE THAN IN WORDS. WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO SOLVING OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES BY PEACEFUL MEANS, BUT WE ARE NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT DOUBLE STANDARDS OF INTERNATIONAL BEHAVIOR. WORDS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS ARE, HOWEVER, IMPORTANT. A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE REDUCTION OF WORLD TENSIONS WOULD BE FOR YOUR COUNTRY TO CURB THE ESCALATING CAMPAIGN OF ANTI-AMERICANISM AND DISINFORMATION BOTH INSIDE THE SOVIET UNION AND ABROAD, A CAMPAIGN WHICH ONLY SERVES TO POISON THE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE.

MR. PRESIDENT, MY COUNTRY STANDS READY TO BEGIN THE SEARCH FOR A BETTER U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP. WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH THE SOVIET UNION THE FULL RANGE OF ISSUES WHICH DIVIDE US, TO SEEK SIGNIFICANT, VERIFIABLE REDUCTIONS IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND TO INCREASE CONTACTS BETWEEN OUR NATIONS. I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE MEETINGS BETWEEN SECRETARY OF STATE HAIG AND FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO WILL START A PROCESS LEADING TOWARD SUCH A RELATIONSHIP.

FOR SUCH A PROCESS TO BEAR FRUIT, YOUR COUNTRY MUST UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR RESTRAINT IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA. AT THE SAME TIME, LET ME ADD THAT THE UNITED STATES

IS FULLY PREPARED TO TAKE LEGITIMATE SOVIET INTERESTS INTO ACCOUNT. IF WE SUCCEED IN ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK OF MUTUAL RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER'S INTERESTS AND MUTUAL RESTRAINT IN THE RESOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CRISES, I THINK WE WILL CREATE A SOUND AND ENDURING BASIS FOR U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS.


END TEXT.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R".

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

September 18, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: Alexander M. Haig, Jr.   
SUBJECT: My Forthcoming Meetings with Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko

As you know, I will be meeting with Gromyko in New York September 23 and 28, during his visit for the fall session of the U.N. General Assembly.

Objectives and Basic Approach

I see those talks as a potential contribution to your objective of putting the US-Soviet relationship on a sounder footing by linking improved bilateral relations with increased Soviet restraint. I will put this right up front in an initial one-on-one session before the Delegations convene: I would like in that session to convey on your behalf that we want to work within a long-term perspective based on respect for each other's vital interests, but that this will frankly require new Soviet realism, together with a recognition that the world power balance cannot be changed by violence and force without calling forth a response in kind.

Gromyko will of course resist, and any results will be neither large nor immediate, but we may be able to start a process headed in the right direction. My main purpose will be to drive home to him that our whole approach to East-West policy has fundamentally and durably changed: from now on, the Soviet military build-up and lack of international restraint will be met with an appropriate U.S. military and political response. But I also want to convey to Gromyko that there is something for the Soviets in a more moderate course.

Gromyko is an accurate reporter, and I will be making a sober presentation intended to show the Politburo that we have adopted our new course deliberately and will pursue it deliberately; that there are positive benefits if they adjust to it responsibly; and that the process of serious dialogue we

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are ready for can produce an altogether more solid and durable basis for conducting business and living together than the two superpowers have ever had before.

#### Focus on Interventionism

I plan to deliver this message by hitting hard on Soviet and proxy interventionism in crisis and potential crisis areas: Southeast Asia, Afghanistan, Southern Africa and Central American/the Caribbean. I will also highlight Poland and Iran as two countries where future Soviet intervention would have disastrous effects. In this private meeting, the main accent will be on the Cuban military build-up and Cuban activities abroad. I intend to make clear to Gromyko that we are prepared for improvement in US-Soviet relations, but that progress depends on Soviet willingness to take our concerns into account. To reinforce this argument, I plan to raise the possibility of another round of talks with him some months hence, implicitly conditional on Moscow's responsiveness to our calls for restraint.

#### TNF Negotiations

The second main purpose of the meetings is to reach formal agreement on the time and place for beginning TNF negotiations later this year, in keeping with your commitment, and to initiate substantive dialogue on TNF issues. I will be making a strong pitch for Soviet cooperation in international efforts to follow up on our evidence of toxin use in Southeast Asia, and warn him of the impact on arms control prospects. But getting TNF negotiations started is vital to us, and it is an objective for the first meeting. The Soviets have been sticky in discussions of the joint statement, and the topic may spill over into the second. We should get the public statement we want that talks will begin on November 30 in Geneva, but we will also be in a position to explain to our friends that it is the Soviets, rather than us, who have been holding back.

#### Possible Outcomes

I expect stiff rebuttals rather than explicit concessions on geopolitical issues from Gromyko. But it is important to make our points again at the first Ministerial-level meeting with the Soviets since you were elected, and to test Soviet responsiveness at that level. The evidence will probably come back to us only over the next several months.

It is also important to keep our dialogue before the public. This is the main purpose of my suggesting another meeting with Gromyko, and I plan to add one or two bilateral

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elements to the same end. I will raise a number of outstanding human rights cases and have Ambassador-designate Art. Hartman turn over another full list of such cases. I will also raise the possibility of opening consulates in Kiev, the heart of the Ukraine, and in New York. Again, results are less important than making the point to the public that we are in fact communicating.

In addition, I am trying to reach interagency agreement on two economic issues: approval of the \$300 million International Harvester deal; and closing of the Soviets' Kama Purchasing Commission in the U.S. Informing Gromyko of these two steps -- one positive, one negative -- will demonstrate that we have control over the economic relationship.

Gromyko may hold to a total hard line in these meetings, and we may well emerge with nothing more than agreement to begin TNF and meet again at the foreign minister level. Accordingly, we are keeping public and Allied expectations low. Such a result, however, would not be a disaster: on the contrary, it would keep the onus for delay and lack of good will on the Soviets, where it belongs.

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MacM. - He'll hang loose until we can talk. He is only hanging up has to do with the F15 ambassador which is part of AWACs. At the same time however he's worried about what a defeat would do to me internationally. He must I talked to him about this in Germany. I think we can have him but we must give him a briefing.

Sess. Bill Anthony  
Mark Hatfield  
Charles McMathias

B.A. - Has a moment on getting a briefing from our people & will do. I think we can have him - he is disturbed about what can happen to me if we lose this.

M.H. - Has a problem with his consistent position against arms sales to anyone. But - wants to help me & will do anything short of voting - such as passing his votes etc. will also try to persuade anyone if we think that.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

9/21/81

Mike Deaver

The President's notes  
returned herewith.

D. Dornoch  
for your records

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: 9/23

FOR:

*Biff*

FROM:

RICHARD G. DARMAN

*Sara*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 27, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY R. DOLAN

SUBJECT: TCU STORY IN NEW ORLEANS SPEECH

In the interest of accuracy, some minor changes are needed in the TCU story according to the Athletic Department there. We spoke with the team statistician, Paul Ridings, as well as Charles Durfer of the athletic office, and they noted that the game took place early in the season (2nd game); that the incident took place in the 2nd quarter; and that it was the TCU captain, not the pass receiver, who spoke to the referee. They also checked newspaper accounts of the incident and found their recollections to be accurate.

May we make these minor revisions in the draft you sent to us to read as follows:

You know, I'd like to tell a story here that I think illustrates this point.

A few years back when Bud Wilkinson had those great Oklahoma football teams, one of those teams was playing against Texas Christian. TCU was having some pretty mediocre seasons but they rose to the heights as a team sometimes will. At a critical moment, a TCU receiver made a diving catch of a pass in the end zone for what could have been the winning touchdown. With the stadium going wild the team captain ~~got up~~, walked over to the official and said, "No sir, it touched the ground before he caught it." Now what was your first reaction? (story continues.)



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September 23, 1981

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

How do we  
answer this without  
getting in trouble  
with an organized minority?  
RR

Dear President Reagan:

I am writing to you about an issue concern-  
ing the militia. about those Lesbian aircraft  
that attacked our United States aircraft. If  
they were to try another assault on our fighters, what  
kind of action would you take?

Sincerely yours,  
Keith Stager

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September 28, 1981

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Dear Milton:

Charles Wick has passed along your invitation to be honored by the Friars Club and I want you to know how much it pleased me. Since my official schedule is booked solid for the foreseeable future, I would appreciate it if we could put this on the back burner for a while. I know it would be a lot of fun -- and after the last couple of months I'm kind of used to being "roasted." I'll ask Mike Deaver to stay in touch with you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A

Mr. Milton Berle, President  
The Friars Club of California, Inc.  
9900 Santa Monica Boulevard  
Beverly Hills, California 90212

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United States of America

Washington, D. C. 20547

Director



August 4, 1981

*Mike D. - This  
could be fun & a little  
spectacular. Too late for  
this trip - but I would be  
permanently to go to Calif. again  
after a suitable but not  
too long interval.  
Ran*

Dear Helene:

I would greatly appreciate your delivering the enclosed letter to the President that was forwarded to me from Milton Berle, President of the Friars Club. Milton sent it to me hoping to ensure it would receive the President's personal attention.

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As always, your consideration is deeply appreciated.

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Sincerely,

Charles Z. Wick

*pending 1982*

Ms. Helene von Damm  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House

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